Development Authority and Trade Fair Authority have been merged into a single organisation with effect from 1.1.1992

Dunkel's proposal of PDS

1839. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "Dunkel's draft will destroy PDS" as reported in the Economic Times dated 17th January,)992:

(b) if so, whether Government has since examined the Dunkel's draft proposals;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that the whole PDS system will collapse if the proposal of Dunkel is implemented; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Public Distribution System is not referred to in the proposals for the agreement on agriculture made by Mr. Dunkel. In fact, these proposals exempt from reduction commitments expenditure on public stock holding for food security purposes and for domestic food aid to sections of people in need Certain conditions are stipulated for the exemptions to apply. If these conditions are not fulfilled, the expenditure has to be taken into account for calculation of the overall subsidy in terms of the Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS). It is provided that if the AMS in a developing country is less than 10% there is no requirement to undertake commitments to reduce the subsidy.

Calculations made by Government show that the figures of AMS in India will be below this limit even if expenditure on food subsidy were to be taken into account.

Diversification of marine products industry

1840. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is encouraging diversification of marine products industry;

(b) what are the schemes being implemented by M.P.F.D.A. for encouraging lobster fisheries;

(c) whether financial incentives is being offered for re-equiping shrimp trawlers for lobster fisheries; and

(d) what is the status of such a scheme by M.P.F.D.A. and how much actual funds have been released so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED)l(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) to (c) MPEDA as such, do not have any specific scheme for lobster fisheries: However, MPEDA implements following schemes to encourage diversified fishing which include lobster fishing also:

(i) For modifying deepsea shrimp trawlers for diversified fishing; and

(ii) Export linked subsidy scheme for making available H. S. D. oil to deepsea fishing vessel owners at price comparable with international price.

(d) Details of assistance given under above schemes are:

	No. of Vessels	Total ssistance
		RS.
1 Modification of deepsea shrimptrawlers for diversified fishing	13	7.75.538.88
2. Subsidy on HSD oil to deepsea fishing vessel owners	31	37 65

निर्यातायात-पत्रक योजना में घोटाला

1841. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान निर्यातायात पत्रक योजना में भारी घोटाले की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि दिल्ली